

# Women's Work - 1913

## MEETING OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

9-20-13  
Northeastern Body Makes Progress.  
Honored by Mayor of Cambridge.

Cambridge, Mass.—The recent annual meeting of the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs held here was a gratifying success. The federation was the guest of the following clubs: The Carnation circle, Etude club, Heart and Hand conference, Young Ladies' Imperial club, Pentacostal association, Pentacostal auxiliary, Seeds of Kindness club and the Sherwin Hyde Co-operative club.

Mrs. Cicely S. Gunner of Hilburn, N. Y., presided. The sessions of each day were full of interest. The heads of the various departments held interesting and helpful conferences. The mothers' department conference was most ably led by Mrs. Minnie T. Wright of Boston. The juvenile department, Mrs. Christiana Goode Harris of Stamford, Conn., in her report of the work done by the various clubs showed increasing interest.

The educational department, Miss Ella S. Wilson, chairman, reported good work done along educational lines. The philanthropic department, Mrs. Ernestine Ross, New Haven, Conn., chairman. The clubs gave an outline of the splendid work done along this line.

The department for the suppression of lynching, Professor Adena C. E. Minott, New York, held a very enthusiastic and beneficial conference. Other departments of the federation are the arts and crafts, which had on exhibition some very excellent work done by the men and women of our race. The business department, ways and means and temperance each gave excellent reports.

The first evening, under the auspices of the citizens' committee, a reception was tendered the delegates, preceded by a pageant taken from "The Narrative of the Negro," a book published by Mrs. Lela Pendleton of Washington. The pageant was designed by Miss Nora Williams and directed by Mrs. Edith Shade. It was realistic, showing plainly the life of the slave on the plantations and the advance made in fifty years of freedom.

The convention was honored with the presence of Hon. J. Edward Barry, mayor of Cambridge, who gave the address of welcome in behalf of the citizens and closed his remarks with an invitation to the delegates and visiting friends to be his guests on a four hour trolley ride in order to see the cities of Cambridge and Boston and suburban towns; also a boat ride down the

Boston harbor was arranged by ex-Mayor Wardwell of Cambridge, who gave a stirring address and spoke encouragingly of the work of the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs.

Some of the other special features of the convention were the conference on Bible reading by Mrs. Annie Hall, which was both instructive and interesting; also a lecture by Dr. Alice W. McKane, a closed lecture for women only.

Special memorial services were held for Harriet Tubman and others who have passed away during the year.

## SOUTH CAROLINA 7-29-13 WOMEN HOLD SESSION

FLORENCE, S. C., July 22.—At the recent session of the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, held in this city, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Marion B. Wilkerson, Orangeburg, president; Mrs. J. H. Levy, Florence, first vice-president; Mrs. Anna Andrews, Sumter, second vice-president; Mrs. A. L. DeMond, Charleston, third vice-president; Mrs. L. A. J. Moorer, Orangeburg, recording secretary; Mrs. D. L. Frazier, Spartanburg, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. D. Saxon, Columbia, treasurer. Over \$1,600 was raised during the year for charitable purposes. The next session of the federation will be held at Sumter.

## KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

State Federation of Women's Clubs Closes Session at Lexington—New Drama Written by Mrs. Rosey L. Brown—Young People's Dancing School Opens Doors—Jim Crowism in Lexington Theaters—New Years Celebration—Thanksgiving Socials—Miss Salena F. Mayo Makes Demonstration.

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Special to The Freeman. 12-6-13.  
The largest session of the State Federation of Women's Clubs that was ever held in the history of the association was that at Lexington. Representative women from all over the State were present to bring a message to their co-workers. They were the best specimens of our race and their honest toil is highly appreciated. Their programs were of the very best selection and excellently rendered. Lexington, the famous Blue Grass capital, royally entertained the delegation. They have grown to such a large number that no other city has asked for them next year at the present writing. Among the many prominent visitors the following made short talks at the churches: President W. T. Amiger of State University; Editor J. E. Woods of the Torchlight, Danville; Prof. W. H. Mayo, principal of the Clinton Street High School, Frankfort; Rev. David, Rev. Frazier, Harding Tolbert, general newspaper correspondent; Prof. Button, in the State Superintendent's office; Prof. Robert Elzey, professor of science at the State Normal; Dean E. E. Read of the State Normal, Rev. J. Francis Wilson of Harrodsburg, Editor W. H. Steward of Louisville, Ky. The

election of officers went off smoothly. Mrs. E. B. Jackson was elected president. Mrs. Jackson for years has been a faithful worker among our leading women of the State. She is always willing to help the lowly and her worth is highly praised and needed among the youth. Editress Daisy M. Saffell of the Club Woman's Journal and a resident of Shelbyville, showed a progressive spirit in casting 53 votes for Mrs. Jackson. Mrs. Alice Crutcher, first vice-president; Mrs. E. M. Smith, second vice-president; Mrs. Mayme Stone Roman, recording secretary; Mrs. Lillian Fisher, assistant secretary; Mrs. Annie Bowman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lizzie Brooks, treasurer; Mrs. E. K. Thomas, chairman Examining Board; Mrs. M. E. Williams, state organizer. Dr. Ernest Diggs of Louisville, a graduate of the National Medical College, and Miss Ada R. Anderson, a graduate of the Central High School of Louisville and the State Normal, were quietly married at the cozy residence of the bride's parents on High street. Mrs. Diggs is a teacher at the Eminence Public School. Both are highly thought of and we express to them a bright future. Rev. D. C. Carter conducted the ceremony. Mrs. Bessie Flack of Louisville, a prominent church and fraternal leader of our people, was the guest of Miss C. A. Boyd, music directress at the Clinton Street School. Miss Boyd had had advanced training in vocal and instrumental music and will take an active part in the Emancipation Celebration on January 1. Mrs. Rosy L. Brown, a talented young lady of Lexington, has written a drama entitled "Hand Prints Upon the Wall." It has been reviewed by Mr. James M. Ross, dramatic and city editor of the Lexington Leader. Mr. Ross felicitated the play and advised her to have some of the dramatic readers stage the play. This play has also been read by the Lexington Historical Society, composed of white women, among whom are some of the most scholarly minds of the State. Many of them were surprised at such a production by a colored girl, who had never studied the art. Mrs. Brown is a graduate of the Chandler Normal School. This is the fourth production of Lexington youth up to the present day which has been reviewed by the bone and sinew of intellect. Mrs. Brown is an up-to-date conversationalist. Your correspondent was her guests for a few hours. I am glad to say with all candor that she is one genius with ego. We wish other young girls would emulate Mrs. Brown and try to be producers. The road may be slow, but it is sure. The young men of Frankfort have opened a dancing class on the corner of Center and Mero streets. Their intention is to carry out one of the most unique playhouse in the city in a nice, quiet manner. This is the only place of its kind in the city. They will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, Saturday afternoon and night. Mr. S. D. Henry, well known in dancing circles and popular among the young people, will be the manager of the floor. Mr. William Kid Johnson of Cincinnati is the professor. Mr. Johnson is well informed along this line and is the man for the place. The doors are open to those who want to enjoy themselves in a nice manner. Mr. John Patterson, brother of Mrs. John Allen, was married at his sister's residence on Elm street to Miss Emma Logan by Rev. D. C. Carter, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, Thanksgiving night. The rooms were handsomely decorated and many beautiful presents were presented them. A four-course menu was served. We wish the young couple success. Mrs. Hallie Reed gave a Thanksgiving dinner in honor of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson King of Louisville. The guests were: Mr. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Miss Fields and Mr. John White and members of their families. Miss Dolo Dahoney, an attractive young lady of Louisville, was the guest of Miss Maggie Warfield and Mrs. Mary L. Webster. Miss Sylvester Love and Mr. Charles Wells, Sr., are among those who helped entertain the young

lady. Mr. Eugene Buckner, head chef at the Capital Hotel, spent Sunday in Cincinnati among friends. Mr. Wm. Crutchfield has become so popular that it has broken his Christmas engagement. Perhaps it will be better in the new year. Good luck to you. Dr. H. B. Rosby, a prominent young dentist in the Odd Fellows' building, is using his spare moments to make the Emancipation Celebration creditable to the young people. Dr. Rosby says we should make this the greatest day in the history of this country—a tribute to the old slaves. Mr. George Ray of Lancaster is the guest of Mrs. William Wheeler on the South Side. Miss Salena F. Mayo, directress of domestic science and art at the Clinton Street High School, and head of the department of economics of the State Federation is one of the most competent and deserving young ladies of the State. Her charitable work in this vicinity is highly appreciated by our people. The demonstration of this young lady at the Federation of Women's Clubs marked another epoch in the history of Franklin county. Miss Mayo has written a pamphlet entitled "Suggestive Outline for Work in Women's Economical Clubs of Kentucky." This pamphlet was distributed free and it will be mailed to any one free of charge. Address 311 Wilkinson street, Frankfort, Ky. She is doing this at her own expense and it shows her deep sympathy and race pride in endeavoring to help our people in economics, domestic science and art. Miss Mayo is a graduate of the Clinton Street High School and has specialized in domestic science in some of the best schools in the country. She is a daughter of Prof. W. H. Mayo, who for thirty years was principal of the Clinton Street High School and is a 33d degree Mason and prominent in Pythian and Odd Fellow circles and was for years an officer in the Corinthian church. Miss Mayo is a teacher of a Sunday-school class in this church. We are proud to welcome such a worthy young lady to the literary world. The committee which is promoting the Emancipation Celebration to be held in this city on January 1, 1914, are receiving encouragement from the leading white citizens as well as the earnest support of the colored citizens. The committee has mailed letters to the white citizens and have received many flattering assurances of support. That the meeting of January 1 will eclipse any emancipation celebration held here previously goes without saying. Mr. Frank Jones, waiter at the Capital Hotel, and one of the well-thought-of young men of the city, is a resident of Danville and holds the esteem of the people of that city. He will unite in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Mattie Robinson of Logan street, on the South Side. She is a Christian young lady and is highly thought of by the people of this city. The wedding will take place on the first of the year. Miss Addie Stalker is very ill. Mr. C. L. Crutcher of Chicago is the guest of Miss Bessie Dickerson. Mrs. Eugene Stone, who has been ill for several weeks, is some better. Mr. Luke Beausy is very ill. Mrs. M. E. Washington of New Albany, Ind., was the guest of Mrs. Halloch recently. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Payne arrived in the city from Carrollton, the guests of their parents. Mrs. Rose Brown, formerly of this city, was married to Mr. Blakemore of Louisville recently. Master Elwood Twyman, better known as Spruce, arrived in the city from Indianapolis. Miss Henrietta Martin and sister, Mrs. Miller, spent Thanksgiving in Louisville with Mrs. Williams and mother. Mrs. J. M. Allen of Lexington was the hostess of Miss Minnie B. Whitaker of Shelbyville and Mrs. D. E. Reid of this city. They were highly entertained at Mrs. Allen's cozy residence on East Short street. Your correspondent regrets very much that on account of business while in that city we could not accept the hospitality extended by the hostess. Madam Naomi Stevens of Covington, head of the literature department of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, is one of the best dramatic readers of our race. Her talent is highly appreciated among us all. She is also one of Kentucky's belles. We wish

her success. Mrs. Lillian Barry of Lexington, with her sweet and melodious voice, certainly made a fine showing at the Federation meeting. We will say more about her and papers that were read in another issue. Mr. Otto W. Steele, manager of the Lexington Weekly News, and a thoroughgoing young newspaper man, was the guest of Miss Louise Reid, a Normal senior. She is a popular girl in social circles and is a member of the Emancipation Celebration committee. The Chattanooga salutes the middle class at K. N. and I. I. for their program in chapel Tuesday morning. Some Lexington Negroes seem very fond of Jimcrowism. Your correspondent while in this city was surprised to see so many well-dressed men and women crowding up steps to reach a "buzzard roost" to see a ten-cent vaudeville show when they could go to a first-class vaudeville theater on Main street—the Gem—with the best performers of our own race. We are sorry to say that some school teachers were in the bunch. A debating society has been organized at the State Normal. We will tell more about it next week. Editor D. I. Reid, formerly of the Lexington Standard, is thinking of starting a strong weekly paper in Lexington. We wish him success. Lawyer L. D. Smith, president of the Bible class, requests every man that is interested in the development of our race from a religious standpoint to be present at the Corinthian Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Mothers, attention is called to the fact that some low-flung married men and bachelors are running after some little girls about sixteen years old. Mothers, you had better be on your guard, because there is going to be some hereafter. It seems that the old men are beating the young men to the girls. It is a shame that old men with grandchildren seek to ruin the character of infant children. Mothers, be on the alert.

Negro farmers own nearly all the county in which Marshall, Texas, has county seat. This county has the reputation of being one of the most fertile in the state.

Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett of Chicago, editor of the Fellowship Herald, marched with the Illinois delegation in the suffragette parade March 3. So did a few other women of the race. The reported opposition of white women to the participation of their colored sisters put a crimp in the suffrage movement among our women, although a public denial was made that no discrimination was intended by the real promoters of the cause.

## Work of the Women's Clubs.

The Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs is losing no time federating their State through the State organizer, Mrs. M. C. Lawton and others. The clubs of Greater New York are working zealously along their respective lines and were never in a more prosperous condition.

Mrs. Lawton recently organized a mother's club as an auxiliary to the Hope Day Nursery, which is composed of a substantial class of women. Their first public meeting and collation at the nursery a few weeks ago was a fine affair. In addition to this Mrs. Lawton organized an empty stocking circle, the members honoring the organizer by calling it the M. C. Lawton Empty Stocking Circle. This club is destined to become a valuable factor in the community.

A movement is being planned for the formation of a neighborhood club which will include in its membership women from all over the city of Brooklyn.

The Dorcas Home and Foreign Missionary Society recently celebrated its



thirty-ninth anniversary. Mrs. Alice Wiley-Seay has been the president of this society for twenty years. Mrs. Seay is head of the temperance department of the State and is a very valuable worker in other departments. Mrs. Seay is one of our pioneer club women and club workers.

Mrs. Marie Stuart recently organized a club at Tarrytown, N. Y., which has carried on charity work in the town.

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, president of the State, spoke for the Palm Leaf Club of Elmira and the club joined the State. Mrs. Talbert also spoke at the A. M. E. Church to an audience that filled the large auditorium, containing men and women of both races. Her address was received with hearty applause and applications were made for

clubs in nearby towns to join the State. Mrs. Talbert spoke before the Phyllis Wheatley Club of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and will soon form clubs at Rochester, Lockport, Syracuse, Rome and Albany. The State meeting will be held this year in July at Buffalo.

## MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE: Baltimore, Md., Nov. 5.—Plans for constructive work in neighborhood work, care of the less fortunate and regular visitations to penal and charitable institutions were discussed at the eight annual session of the Maryland Federation of Christian Women, held at Trinity A. M. E. Church on Thursday, Friday and Sunday of last week.

Besides receiving reports from the various organizations affiliating with the federation, it was decided to extend the work into the counties of Maryland by organizing the women of the rural sections.

Among those who delivered addresses during the session were the president, Mrs. Mary E. Handy, Miss Gertrude Fisher, Mrs. Helen A. Cooper, Dr. J. O. Spencer, president of Morgan College; Mrs. D. G. Mack, Mrs. Margaret P. Hill, Mrs. Hannah C. Smith, the Rev. Dr. D. W. Shaw, Mrs. Minnie L. Gaines and W. Ashbie Hawkins.

The Rev. L. C. Curtis preached a special sermon to the ladies Sunday.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Mary F. Handy, president; Miss Ida R. Cummings, first vice-president; Mrs. Cornelia Anderson, second vice-president; Miss Charlotte Davage, third vice-president; Mrs. E. J. Truxton, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Patience Harris, fifth vice-president; Mrs. Mary Galloway, recording secretary; Mrs. Estella Young, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Susie E. Ross, treasurer; Mrs. V. T. Lawson, organizer; Mrs. Mamie R. Bruce, parliamentarian; Mrs. Anna L. McGuinn, chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. Martha Thompson, chairman of the ways and means committee; Mrs. Melissa Minor, chairman of mothers' meetings, and Mrs. Margaret P. Hill, chairman of the committee on temperance.

**ILLINOIS FEDERATION  
WOMEN'S CLUB  
RE-ELECT PRESIDENT**

**Chicago, Ill., Nov. 10.** Mrs. Ida M. Lewis Re-elected President of Women's Clubs for the State of Illinois. Dr. Mary Fitzbutler Chairman Executive Board—Many Vice Presidents: Mrs. Althida Moore of Rock Island, Mrs. Ella Groff of Monmouth, Mrs. Arzella Taylor of Danville and Mrs. Ella Woods of Moline.

## "DOWN WITH JIM CROW" THEIR MOTTO

First Rec. Sec'y. Mrs. Emma S. Kennedy, Chicago; 2nd, Mrs. D. Lash, Monmouth; Cor. Sec'y., Mrs. Carrie L. Hamilton, Springfield; Treasurer, Mrs. Julia Gibson, Peoria; Editress, Mrs. Carrie Horton; and Mrs. E. S. Davis, Nat. Organizer—Were All Unanimous In Denouncing the Jim Crow Government at Washington.

The Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, which closed its 14th annual session at Springfield last week, showed splendid growth and progress. One hundred and eleven delegates from seventeen towns were present aside from many visitors. Two hundred and fifty-seven dollars were paid into the treasury, from dues and the Ways and Means department, Mrs. Belle Tayler, Rock Island, Chairman.

The Federation endorsed unanimously the Lincoln semi-centennial celebration to be held in 1915, and its commissioners, four of whom, i. e., Bishop Fallows, Mrs. Susan L. Joergen-Dahl, Senator Dailey and Major Ford, made splendid addresses before the convention. Mrs. Mary F. Waring, Ch. Executive Board, responded in a very pleasing manner.

The Federation sent letters of protest against the unjust and uncalled for segregation and increased prejudice at Washington to each Illinois senator, congressman, the President and Mrs. Wilson. Two hundred copies were printed and placed in the hands of every delegate with instructions that every club in the state follow the example of the Federation.

Ex-Senator T. T. Allain was untiring in his efforts to make the visitors feel at home, not only in his cordial address of welcome, but in getting full reports published daily in the Illinois State Register, also in distributing hundreds of copies of valuable literature to the newly enfranchised delegates, for which he received the hearty thanks of the convention.

Mrs. Joergen-Dahl threw open the doors of her beautiful home on Wednesday afternoon, and bade the delegates and visitors welcome in an informal reception.

The next meeting will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., July 10, 1914.

# FEMALE SMOKERS ARE CRITICISED

**Empire State Federation Also  
Protests Against the  
Chewing of Gum**

## WOMEN WANT TO VOTE

**Important Subjects Discussed at  
the Fifth Annual Meeting of  
the New York Federation at  
Buffalo.**

## MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING

**Seventeen New Clubs Have Been Added  
to Federation, Which now Has a Mem-  
bership of 4,000 Women.**

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 8.—The fifth annual meeting of the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs convened in the city of Buffalo Thursday, July 3, for a two days' session. It was largely attended. From a point of harmony and concentration of purpose the session was the most profitable as well as pleasant in the history of the organization. Questions of vital importance to the race were spiritedly discussed, often precipitating a lively interest on the part of the participants.

The federation placed itself on record as being in favor of Woman's Suffrage, as being opposed to the use of tobacco, smoking, etc., by our women and the use of chewing gum in public places, especially by girls.

The delegates were comfortably quartered and everything possible was done by the Phyllis Wheatly Club, of which the federation was the guest, to make its stay in the "Queen City" a memorable one.

## Reception Tendered Delegates.

A delightful reception was tendered the delegates at the Michigan Street Baptist Church last Friday evening and an automobile ride was provided for the Brooklyn delegation at noon by Miss Emma Murray, a former Brooklynite. On Saturday at noon the delegates in sight-seeing cars toured the city and were elated with its beautiful parks, the system of which is among the most approved of the world.

Too much cannot be said of Mrs. M. B. Talbert and those associated with her in the splendid entertainment of the Empire State Federation. Everywhere were heard expressions of gratitude for the splendid homes in which we found ourselves.

Mme. C. J. Walker, the hair culturist, spoke to the federation concerning her extensive business in Indianapolis and urged the women to strike out along industrial lines.

The closing meeting was held in the Michigan Street Baptist Church in the presence of a good audience. The president's annual address was replete with gratitude for past success and wholesome advice for future development.

Seventeen clubs were added to the Federation, giving an added membership of 464. This addition gives to the Empire State organization an approximate membership of 4,000 women.

The delegation spent last Sunday at Niagara Falls. The next meeting will be held in Brooklyn July, 1914.

## Election of Officers.

The officers are: Mrs. M. B. Talbert, president (re-elected); Mrs. Charlotte Dett, Niagara Falls, vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Mickens, corresponding and recording secretary; Mrs. Addie Jackson, Tarrytown, N. Y., financial secretary; Mrs. Charlotte Bell, Governor's Island, N. Y., chairman of executive committee (re-elected); Mrs. M. Robinson, New York City, treasurer; Mrs. E. J. Faulcon, Brooklyn, N. Y., chaplain; Mrs. M. C. Lawton, Brooklyn, N. Y., organizer (re-elected).

Among the delegates present were: Mrs. Marie Jackson Stuart, Mrs. Charlotte Bell, Mrs. Mary E. Hardy, Mrs. Hattie W. Brown, Miss Elizabeth A. Mickens, Mrs. Hattie Brown, Mrs. E. L. Faulcon, Mrs. W. L. Young, Miss Eva Jacobs, Mrs. Sylvia A. Harris, Miss Jennie Thomas, Mrs. Charlotte Nesbitt, Miss Ella Taylor, Mrs. S. J. Freeman, Miss Nettie Johnson, Madame C. J. Walker, Miss Daisy Tapley, Miss Minnie Brown, Mrs. Frank R. Randolph, Mrs. Laura McAdoo Craver, Mrs. Sarah A. Moles, Mrs. Anna Collins, Mrs. Martha M. Robinson, Mrs. Alice W. Seay, Miss M. A. Tyson, Miss Ada B. Samuels, Mrs. M. C. Lawton, Mrs. Alice Scott, Miss Emma Miles, Mrs. Florence Henderson, Mrs. Lottie Henderson.

**BIG MEETING OF WOMEN**  
Mrs. Booker T. Washington, President of National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Visits Atlanta.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.  
ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Booker T. Washington, president of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, recently visited Atlanta, and the following program was carried out:

Mrs. Washington was met at the Union Station by Mrs. Hope, wife of President Hope, and Mr. and Mrs. Penn and driven in Dr. Penn's automobile to the residence of President and Mrs. Hope, where she was received by a committee of ladies representing the colored club women of Atlanta.

During her short stay in Atlanta Mrs. Washington visited the leading institutions of learning, where she was most cordially received and where she delivered appropriate and effective addresses to appreciative teachers and enthusiastic students. Her address Friday night was attended by one of the most representative audiences assembled in Atlanta in many years. President and teachers of Atlanta Baptist College, Atlanta University, Spelman Seminary, Morris Brown College, Gammon Theological Seminary and Clark University, teachers of the public schools of the city, leading pastors of the city, prominent physicians of the Gate City, business men and students of the various schools crowded the auditorium along with the representative club women whose interesting reports furnished the keynote for the addresses of the evenings.

Mrs. Hope gracefully presided. Dr. H. H. Proctor offered prayer. The trained orchestra furnished inspiring music which was liberally applauded. Mrs. Washington spoke without notes for nearly an hour. Her theme was, "What the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Stands For." She emphasized every feature of settlement work, stressing particularly mothers' meetings, the practical side of club work, the big sister movement, club work among women of the rural districts, the improvement of educational conditions in the country, the improvement of railroad conditions for traveling, closing with congratulations to the club women of Atlanta upon the magnificent work done as exhibited in their reports, and with an earnest appeal to the associated clubs to get into the life of the people, find out their joys and sorrows, and by love and sympathy enter heartily into their life.



# Women's Work - 1913

## WOMEN MEET AT BUFFALO.

(BY MARIE JACKSON STUART.)

Persons attending the fifth annual convention of the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs at Buffalo, July 4 and 5, were impressed with the marked growth of this excellent body of women, not only in numbers but in intellect and deeply rooted interest. It was gratifying beyond expression to sit upon the platform and look out upon the sea of upturned faces and note the hungry look in the eyes of the women of "to-morrow," the look of "What may I do to help in this struggle for a place in the world?" The Empire State Federation could in no louder tones proclaim its intention to live than through its large membership (added this year) of young and talented women, hungering to grow! It would be a pity if the interest in this prevailing influence among the younger women should by any misdirected intention be quieted. All honor to the president and her secretary, who have worked incessantly from July to July in order to bring about this live condition. The president holding the fort at one end and the secretary hammering away at the other is what kept life in the middle. Some of the work done by the clubs is as follows:

The White Rose Industrial Association reports growth in the settlement of work; two new classes, a domestic science and a boy's cobbling class. Attendance at each very large. Number of lodgings given during 1912, 1,140; free meals, 725; girls given work, 273; assisted on their journey with carfare, 30; number assisted by travelers aid, 1,153.

The Mothers' Club of Brooklyn touched a tender chord in reporting the president's instructions along the lines of the "great privilege of motherhood." They gave \$32.20 to the Sojourners' Truth Home for Delinquent Girls. They are preparing an exhibition of needle work done by the mothers.

Ladies' Home Circle, Williamsburg organized a girls' club, ages ranging from 10 years up; they are interested in helping relieve their less fortunate sisters. Gave \$14 toward charity cases clothing to an unfortunate mother, barrel of clothing sent to the charity organization.

Concord W. C. T. U., Brooklyn, raised money to further its fight against the demon drink; reports some converts; feels encouraged even though the gain be few and slow.

The Dorcas Home Missionary Brooklyn, reports having many calls for benevolence and their ability to meet every demand to the extent of \$280.

The Harriet Tubman Club, N. Y., reports rendering assistance to destitute families to the extent of \$11 and two barrels of clothing; placed in a respectable home one unfortunate girl; rendered small assistance to Union Rescue Home; working toward \$100 for the Home for Delinquent Colored Girls; started a fund toward a monument to Harriet Tubman; gave toward support of Harriet Tubman as per request, \$3.

The Howard Industrial Association, reports raising \$900 for

Brooklyn, reports

Howard Colored Orphan Asylum.

Niagara Falls, Phyllis Wheatley Club, raised \$60.90; to building fund \$34.85; toward support of Harriet Tubman, as per request, \$3. In bank \$45.35.

The Women's Business League reports success, though difficult, in concentrating the efforts of legitimate business women toward the support of each other and the founding of a loan society on business principles.

The Poor Saints' Club, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, reports having raised for Poor Saints \$568.10; for other charities, \$29.

The Married Ladies' Silent Club reports success in raising means to further plans to promote business and general uplift.

The Lincoln Hospital Alumni Association reports progress along the lines of colored nurses, a large number of nurses passing successfully the State board examinations; the holding of high positions in five public institutions; placing of two on the city payroll; the selection of two to represent the Colored Nurses of America at the international convention held at Koln; the establishing of a home for old retired nurses.

Palm Leaf Club reports having raised for charitable purposes \$139.73.

The Phyllis Wheatley Club, Buffalo, reports giving to the poor 100 pieces of clothing; sent fruit to the hospitals.

The Susan B. Anthony Club, Yonkers, gave garments to children and tubercular case. Receipts, \$142.13.

Zion Sunshine Circle, Rochester, re-assisted contributing to church \$85, and \$12 toward charity fund.

Phyllis Wheatley Club, New York, gave to poor families \$10.50; bundles of clothes to poor women; \$8 to Rescued Home; dinners to a large number of poor at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Many clubs whose reports we fail to get will appear later in the National Notes.

## WOMEN GATHER FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE

Hold 14th Annual Session of Eureka Chapter, Order of Eastern Star

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Alice Campbell Chosen Grand Worthy Matron—Grand Master Henry Spencer Delivered Address.

Women from all parts of the State gathered in New York City this week to attend the fourteenth annual convocation of the Eureka Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, jurisdiction of New York, which was held at the Masonic Temple, 247

West 46th street, Monday and Tuesday, June 2 and 3. A number of the most prominent Masons of the State were present also.

The session was called to order Monday morning with Grand Worthy Matron Alice Campbell of Tarrytown N. Y., presiding. Grand, Worthy Patron J. R. Mason of Buffalo, N. Y., and Associate Grand Worthy Matron Miriam Price of New York City were in their stations.

Henry Spencer, Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of New York, was introduced to the Grand Chapter, and received with grand honors. He delivered an address which was instructive and helpful.

The annual address of the Grand Worthy Matron was interesting and illuminating. An original poem incorporated in her address brought forth much favorable comment.

The Grand Worthy Patron in his annual address gave the grand chapter a brief, but forceful, lecture.

In appreciation of the splendid work accomplished by the Grand Worthy Matron, Alice Campbell, the members of the Mabel Chapter of New Rochelle, presented her a handsome hand bag containing money for the purchase of a jewel.

Members of the grand chapter presented to Mrs. Clarissa Evans a handsome past grand matron's jewel.

Mrs. Hattie Brown, past grand matron, assisted by member of the subordinate chapters, purchased and presented to the grand chapter a beautiful banner.

The election of officers was held Tuesday evening. Much interest was manifested by the members, and everything was harmonious and peaceful. The officers elected for the year 1913-14 are as follows:

Mrs. Alice Campbell, grand worthy matron; Mrs. Susan Ricks, associate grand worthy matron; J. R. Mason, grand worthy patron; Mrs. Lippins, grand conductress; Mrs. Eva Greene, associate grand conductress; Mrs. Georgie Lewis, grand worthy secretary; Mrs. Henrietta P. Williams, grand worthy treasurer.

## Seventeenth Anniversary of Tuskegee Woman's Club

FINE PROGRAM AND ANNUAL ADDRESS OF MRS. B. T. WASHINGTON

Friday, May 16th beginning at 8 o'clock p. m., the Seventeenth Anniversary of the Tuskegee Woman's Club was celebrated by "An Evening With Ye Olde Songs," and a remarkable address by the President, Mrs. Booker T. Washington.

The following program was observed:

1. Annie Laurie—Mrs. Ramsey,

Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Attwell, Miss Emily Moore.

2. I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls—Miss Armstrong.

3. Piano Solo—The Blue Danube—Miss Towson.

4. Old Black Joe, Solo and Chorus—Mrs. Attwell.

5. The Old Oaken Bucket—Double Quartet—Mrs. Palmer, Miss Hatter, Miss Hunt, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Suarez, Miss Hamilton, Miss Nance, and Mrs. Whiting.

6. Piano Solo—The Shepherd Boy—Miss Mack.

7. In the Gloaming—Mrs. Landers.

8. Ben Bolt—Miss U. Moore.

9. Suwannee River—Solo and Chorus—Mrs. Ramsey.

10. 'Tis The Last Rose of Summer—Miss U. Moore.

11. Drink to Me Only With Mine Eyes—Double Quartet.

12. Piano Solo—A Maiden's Prayer—Miss Hooker.

13. Home, Sweet Home—Solo and Chorus—Miss Emily Moore.

The following address was delivered by Mrs. Booker T. Washington and was liberally applauded:

## Mrs. Washington's Address

The Tuskegee Woman's Club again invites you on this its 17th Anniversary in order to present to you its report for the year beginning September, 1912, ending May, 1913. We hope that we have done enough practical work and have been of sufficient service to the community to warrant the taking of your time on this occasion.

## How the Work is Done

We do our work through departments, or committees, as you know, realizing that some women are suited for one kind of work and some for another. In this way we are able to give each member the kind of work she most likes and at which she is her best. Those who are acquainted with the nature of this club know that in certain ways it is an exclusive club, taking in as members those directly connected with the faculty as teachers and those who are indirectly connected, that is, the wives of the gentlemen teachers.

Each woman who becomes a member pledges \$1 a year. She may give and often does give a great many more dollars but this one dollar she must give. Only those who have paid their dollar are considered as active members. We have 102 members of this character. All of the

money received from dues of members is used for practical purposes.

## The Executive Board

The programs which make up the life of the club are planned and executed through an Executive Board of which Mrs. Laura T. Jones is chairman. Associated with her are Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Williston, Mrs. Walcott and Miss Howard. During the year the programs have been in the nature of a study. We have taken up the question of Sex Hygiene in its most detailed way and have not only informed ourselves on this question, but have had the opportunity of instructing many women outside of the club.

One feature of the club program is Current News, of which Mrs. E. J. Scott is the chairman. Associated with her are Miss Coy, Miss Curry, Miss Clara Davis, Mrs. Gover, Mrs. C. W. Greene and Mrs. Hazel.

## The Music Department

The Music Department this year has been in the hands of Miss Emily Moore. Associated with her are other artists in the club, namely: Mrs. Attwell, Jr., Mrs. Taylor, Miss Armstrong, Miss Uhlma Moore, Miss Simmons, Miss Towson and Miss Hamilton.

## The Temperance Work

Mrs. Palmer has for many years conducted the Temperance Work of the club and this year as in past years has held regular Saturday Evening Meetings with the girl students. She has also held one contest at which a medal was presented by the club

to a young woman making the best plea for Temperance. Mrs. Palmer has associated with her Mrs. Bass, Miss Hodges, Mrs. Bridgeforth and Mrs. Cummings.

## The Humane Work

Mrs. Ramsey has been kind enough to look after the Humane Work. We feel sure that through the efforts of the club this Humane Work, especially at our own barns and on our own grounds, has been brought to the attention of both teachers and students and that especially the students have learned to be kind to dumb animals in a measure which they have not heretofore known. Mrs. Ramsey has associated with her Mrs. Cowen, Mrs. Brown, Miss Donaldson, Mrs. Vivian, Mrs. Bias, Mrs. C. J. Calloway and Mrs. Gibson.

## Prison Work

The Prison Work has gone steadily on this year. There have been thirty



colored people in the jail, and three white people. Regularly each Sunday morning Mrs. Matthews and some member of her committee have visited the jail, have distributed literature, have conversed with the prisoners, have learned of the needs of the families of the prisoners and in every way have tried to make their lives happier and better. Two people from our immediate community have been put in jail this year. One young man for drawing a gun on another and another young man for deserting his wife and living publicly with another woman. We regret more than we can express, the fact that such a thing could have occurred. Both of the men are out of jail now. One of them is working. Three small boys from the town of Tuskegee have been caught stealing and have been put in jail. Through the efforts of Mrs. Matthews, who has charge of the Prison Work, and the kindness of Judge Brewer and Judge Abercrombie they have been committed to the Boys' Reformatory at Mount Meigs. Mrs. Matthews has on her committee Miss Thornton, Mrs. Charles Evans, Mrs. Clement Richardson, Miss Hatter and Miss Donaldson.

#### Community Work

We have conducted also a regular Sunday school in one of the unfortunate districts of the town. Miss Hunt has been at the head of this work. Sunday school has been held regularly every Sunday. Papers, books, etc., have been carried to the children. A Christmas Tree was held for them; at least \$25 worth of presents were distributed to the children. Mrs. Will Laslie has given us the rent of the house for the year, and has seemed very much interested in the condition of the colored children in that neighborhood. Miss Hatter has helped most kindly in the work.

#### The Night School

The Night School in town in former years was supported by the institution but this year the Principal informed us that he could no longer support the Night School. Some members of the club got together and decided that the Night School must not close and so the club assumed responsibility of keeping the Night School open. It was opened in October and closes this month, which means that it is an eight months school. There have been 140 children, boys and girls in the school, 103 in the night classes and 37 in the day classes or cooking

classes. Mr. Wilson, the man in charge of the school, has been paid regularly \$25 per month. One post-graduate, one student and one teacher from the institution have given their services at night to this work. Miss Nunn, one of our members, has generously gone to the school sometimes twice a week and some times oftener. She has taught the sewing and various other subjects. We have collected and paid out already nearly \$300 on this Night School. We are not sure that we can carry so large a burden another year. We certainly cannot do it unless some of the gentlemen will be as generous to us as Prof. Carver and Mr. Tom Taylor have been this year. Prof. Carver gave us \$25 and Mr. Taylor gave us \$5. The other money has been solicited on the outside of the institution and has been a tremendous burden on our shoulders.

#### The Suffrage Question

We have kept ourselves informed upon the Suffrage Question, all phases of it through the efforts of our chairman, Mrs. Logan, who has associated with her Mrs. Walcott, Mrs. West, Mrs. Attwell, Sr., and Mrs. Yates. Many times we have been asked how colored club women stand upon the question of suffrage and we have always answered as we are answering tonight. When the time comes for women to vote, and it is virtually here, the colored woman will be equal to the situation, that is to say, she will be educated along all lines enough to cast her vote wisely and intelligently.

#### The Big Sister Movement

The Big Sister Movement of the club has been under Mrs. Woodard during the past year. Many girls in Greenwood and in the town of Tuskegee and elsewhere have been visited and are being helped through the efforts of this committee. One girl, Beatrice Reynolds, whom we have sistered for seven years, graduates this week from Voorhees Industrial School, Denmark, S. C. She was snatched, as it were, from the very jaws of sin seven years ago in this town, having come up here from Society Hill. She is a tall, handsome, fine looking young girl, who has been offered a position for the coming year at the school from which she graduates. Ruth Hill, a girl whom we have sistered for the past three years is at the same institution, a very bright, capable girl but still undevel-

oped and still needing the help and the constant guidance of a wise and tender woman. Although she graduates her diploma will be withheld because of lack of development and we are hoping to be able to put this girl in the Hampton Institute in September for two years training. The club has, during all these years, sent clothing, money and affection to both of these girls, aside from looking after many other girls in the neighboring country districts. Mrs. Woodard has associated with her in her work, Mrs. Fearing, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. J. R. E. Lee, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Roberts.

#### Social Service Work

The Social Service Work is under the direct supervision of Mrs. Ferguson, who has on her committee, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Attwell, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Anderson, Miss King, Miss Russell and Miss Booker. No more important committee or department does the club have than this Social Service Department.

This committee has raised \$90 during the year, selling candy at the various entertainments, and by selling food here and there wherever it could. It has paid the dentist bill for one hundred children, has purchased 25 tooth brushes, has looked after the people who were ill, and in every way has carried on its work faithfully. It now has plans on foot to put games, swings, seats, etc., in the spot in Greenwood which has been set apart for a park for the people of that community. It has also instituted a Greenwood Reading Room for boys between the ages of 8 and 18, assuming the responsibility of the rent and the support of a Boys' Social and Literary Club whose headquarters will be at the Reading Room. Mrs. E. T. Attwell is the treasurer and financial agent of this phase of the committee's work.

Mrs. Attwell has been successful in getting several gentlemen of the community to subscribe to the support of this Reading Room each month for a year. We hope that others will drop Mrs. Attwell a note if they care to subscribe. Mr. Cowen has just done this. A Boys' Club has been organized at the Reading Room.

The object of the club is to inspire the boys to read and study and to make them see the danger of lying around the streets in an idle way, especially at night.

The Social Service Committee has also instituted the curfew bell in Greenwood. They have held five fresh air meetings and have been able to reach more than 350 people in their efforts.

#### Mothers' Meetings

The Mothers' Meetings in the town of Tuskegee have been held regularly every Saturday afternoon during the entire year, beginning the first Saturday in October. At no meeting has there been less than 35 or 40 women present. All have been anxious to learn of the women who have had better opportunities. Ordinary subjects pertaining to the care of the home, the rearing of children, the relation of the husband and wife, show of affection for the children, amusements in the home, etc., have been taken up during the year and the women all are growing each year more intelligent on these subjects and are putting them into practice.

A few weeks ago two members of our club visited eighteen country homes of the women more or less influenced by this Mothers' Meeting. Out of the eighteen homes there was only one woman who had any playthings at all in her house for her children and to the credit of the club should be given this for this reason, this woman is a regular attendant to the meetings. In every one of these homes we could see evidences of picture cards, Sunday school papers, etc., given them in the Mothers' Meeting.

We believe that the Mothers' Meeting is a department of the club most necessary in every community and just in proportion as we can influence the mothers of the present generation to better and nobler things, so will the coming generation be improved.

We observed Mothers' Day, having the co-operation of our pastor who gave us a splendid sermon on "Confiding in Mother." It may be of interest to know that our club entered into the contest as to who are the ten greatest living Americans. The following is the list which we sent: Thomas A. Edison, Jane Addams, Andrew Carnegie, Alexia Carrell, George W. Goethals, Booker T. Washington, Luther Burbanks, Charles W. Eliot, John Mitchell, and Francis Clarke. You will see by the list in the papers and magazines how many of our candidates were the candidates

of other organizations and people.

#### The Treasurer

Mrs. J. H. Washington is the treasurer of the club and has collected thus far \$101 and has paid out \$25 to the Reformatory, \$17 for the children at Voorhees Industrial School, Denmark, S. C., and \$4.45 for transportation of a boy from here to Mount Meigs; this making a total of \$51.45 spent this year and \$59.55 on hand.

#### Delegates Appointed

Mrs. Warren Logan has been appointed as a delegate-at-large to the State Federation which meets on July 5th, in the city of Mobile. Mrs. Woodard has been appointed the club's regular delegate. Miss Ethel Johnson, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Ramsey are also delegates to the Mobile meeting.

In presenting to you this report we do so in the hope that you will feel that the club has made an effort to cooperate with the men of the community in the great uplift which is going on about us all the while.